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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation comprising a group of environmental experts and administrators recently went to abroad and another such expert group visited India to study the environmental conditions and to find the reasons for the deterioration of the environmental conditions in India and abroad;

(b) whether the Government have any plan to introduce latest technological developments in preservation of environment and to combat various types of Pollution in the country with financial and technological support from foreign countries and international agencies;

(c) if so, the details of the progress of such projects currently in progress and planned to be undertaken in near future;

(d) the total funds allocated for carrying out such projects in India;

(e) whether these projects were monitored by the States Pollution Control Boards in the country; and

(f) if so, the details of the monitoring activities done by SPCB`s?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): Environmental conservation is an ongoing endeavour. Government of India has been closely monitoring the status of environment in the country on a regular basis. To this end, the Government has been undertaking cooperation in bilateral and multilateral spheres through exchange of ideas, transfer of technology and appropriate consultations through participation in various fora and by exchange of mutual visits. The Government has also been successfully negotiating technological and financial assistance in the areas of control of pollution, conservation of biodiversity and preservation of our forests. The Central and State Pollution Control Boards have well defined mandates, which includes monitoring pollution control projects.